

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-04-98

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION  
AGENCIES  
ALL CDSS ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES

**REASON FOR TRANSMITTAL**

- ☒ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☐ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN FAMILY CODE SECTION 8700 (c)

The purpose of this notice is to call your attention to a change in Family Code Section 8700(c) due to the recent enactment of AB1544, Chapter 793, Statutes of 1997.

This change removes previous authorization for adoption agencies to accept a relinquishment from birthparents who reside outside of California. Effective January 1, 1998, Family Code Section 8700(c) requires that prior to taking a relinquishment from a birthparent who resides outside of California, the child must already be in the custody of the adoption agency. Specifically, the child must be either a dependent of a California juvenile court or already relinquished to the California adoption agency by one of his or her birthparents who resides in California.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please write to the above address or call the Adoptions Policy Bureau at (916) 322-4228.

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